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*The Bible says: "seek and you will find". Matthew.7.vs7*

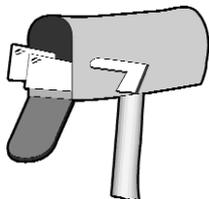
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## What's in the Winter 2005 Chainlink

**Safety first**  
*always wear a helmet,  
leathers, gloves, boots.*  
**Roy and Mad Mick**  
*showing you how it  
should be done.*

The editor has other pics



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## President - Mike Fitton

As I write this brief note to you I am finishing my preparation for my trip to the 30th Anniversary of CMA in the USA, thirty years of ministry to bikers, hundreds, thousands of lives across America touched



'If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'

by the simple yet profound Love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lives brought out of darkness into the light of Christ, their past forgiven, their present secure, their future eternal.

Can you sense my passion as I write these words? This is the message we have to share, what an incredible honour, we have the answer Jesus is the answer and as a retired Colonel who lived in the north used to say "If that doesn't excite you, have a boring day!"

But what about the UK, do you want to see the same massive out pouring of God's blessing on the bikers and their families in this country? Of course I know you do, so what must be our next step in this process of getting ready to take the land the Lord has prepared for us (Joshua Ch1 v10-11) according to scripture?

Let me draw you to:

2 Chronicles Ch7 v14

humility and repentance, God wants Humble Living Sacrifices Holy and Acceptable to Him.

Take this verse every day and do it! I have begun to ask God to give me something, I ask every day and will until I get it. I want God to increase my compassion for the lost I want to feel the heartbeat of God for the souls spiralling towards a lost eternity.

Let me finish with the words of a hymn that has broken my heart more times than I can remember, I'm sure some of you will have heard me quote it and you will hear me quote it again, its too important not to. Please consider each line in the light of the bikers we have seen each day on the road, at rallies, shows and cafes, whether they were drunk, rich, indifferent, high, caught in the occult or just unaware that there is a God and He loves them.

Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees  
A need that, undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying  
For life, and love, and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night

We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those

Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers

O Father who sustained them  
O Spirit who inspired  
Saviour, whose love constrained  
them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us  
From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labour for Thy sake

***Need a wake up call? Check out  
the last two lines of verse 2 again.  
God Bless you, Mike <><***

## An overview of Mike's travels

I attended the Isle of Man TT for five days, spending time with members and encouraging the local branch.

I preached at a CMA church service at Guisborough Christian Fellowship, Cleveland, the NE branch attended.

I attended the Farmyard Party MAG rally at Helmsley, I preached at a Sunday morning Biker Service held adjacent to Holy Joes, it was well attended and raised a few eyebrows just prior to the flood!

During the 'Run for the Son' week I was involved in a ride out which consisted of members from the NE, West Yorkshire and Lakes and Lancs. branches, we met at Devils Bridge, Kirby Lonsdale and gave out Manual For Life Leaflets. We received a good reception from many bikers. I also distributed leaflets at Helmsley Market Place.

I have received a very positive response to requests for sponsorship for Bibles.

Rob and I had a very productive business lunch with Albert Dicken of the Goshen Trust. It gave us an opportunity to bring him up to date with developments and to discuss future capital needs for a professional exhibition to be used at CRE's, bike shows etc. The Goshen Trust will discuss our requests at their next meeting.

I arranged a loan bike from BMW UK for Rene Changuion during the UK National Rally. Sandy and I played host to Rene and his wife Delene for one week.

I took a role in organising the National Rally at Hollybush in conjunction with Paul Wedgwood, preaching on the Sunday morning.

Sandy and I ministered to a friend who contracted cancer and ultimately died 7 weeks later. He gave his heart to Christ one week after being diagnosed his Peace was a testimony to the Grace of God, what a privilege.

I visited the Northern Ireland Branch to Chair their EGM to choose a new Chairman. It was a great success, do pray for Roy as he leads the branch.

I was invited to preach at the Whitby Regatta during an open-air service by the harbour, it was well received and amazingly enough a member of the Forth and Tay Branch Ian Cameron and his wife just happened to be passing at the time on their holiday!!

Sandy and I attended the EMC Rally in Holland for four days. I was invited to preach on the Saturday morning, the scripture God led me to was Revelation Ch2 and Ch3.

In August we had a family holiday in Cornwall. A much-appreciated rest surfing, fishing, walking, swimming and lots more!!!! Did I say rest?

I attended Stormin the Castle, it was a great success but we only had a very small team would you consider joining us next year... please?

I preached at a CMA Family Service at Westerdale C of E church led by the NE branch.

I visited the Merseyside Branch and led a presentation of CMA's ministry. Excellent response. I am grateful to one of the congregation who is a Christian businessman, Mark Mitchell. He invited me to his car showroom the following morning for a meeting. He is eager to organise a dinner with his business contacts who all ride bikes and provide me with an opportunity to present the vision of CMA. Expected to take place in late January / February 2006.

Mark introduced me to the Harley Dealership next to his showrooms. The owners had heard of CMA and held us in high regard. He suggested that we sent him our leaflets and he would place one in each pack they give to people who buy bikes

off them. Now that's an unexpected blessing!!!! Gifts of bibles have been arranged for all staff members.

I have written to all branches asking them to send me dates for the Events List 2006.

I suffered a week of sickness, but my friends still love me and I feel fully recovered.

I preached at Boston Spa Methodist Church, the chapel my parents attend. The West Yorkshire branch attended and had a very warm welcome. It was a great success, £193 was donated to CMA's ministry and the bible fund.

During the weekend of 30th Sept - 3rd October I visited the Forth and Tay branch. I spoke at a Christian Businessmen's Dinner, we joined a memorial run for Steve Hislop and visited potential new members in the

Kelso area. Sunday I preached at the church of George and Elaine Mackie, Rhema Church Kirkcaldy the greatest blessing was leading a young man to the Lord. Please pray for Robert.

I have organised a coach trip to the NEC Bike Show for 29th October. Taking 40 not yet Christians away for the day on a luxury coach showing bike videos throughout the journey. The NE branch have subsidised the cost of the coach travel by £3.00 per head.

I am booked to visit the new twig at SE London on the 16th November and plans are in process to visit all branches in the forthcoming months.

I am attending the 30th Anniversary of the CMA in the USA between 17th-24th of October. John Ogden, the USA Chairman has invited me to preach. The venue is Iron Mountain in Arkansas approximately 5000-6000 people will be attending.



## Where do women fit into CMA?

by Sandy Angel-Jones Fitton

The question most often asked of any Christian is "What are you doing this for?" Particularly if what you are doing makes no sense to the world or you are a woman in what is essentially considered a man's world! Note, the world will always ask you that question, regardless of wherever you are or whatever you are doing. This is



because the world sees things in worldly terms, which mean nothing if they don't appear to be going somewhere specific or creating personal gain.

However, God tells us that we are not of this world (1 Corinthians 1:26-28) and from this we can take our cue. As a woman of God, you are not labelled according to your status in life, ie. Married/unmarried, mother no children, employed homemaker, fat/thin, creative/cerebral, ride your own bike or sit pillion; the list goes on. In fact, God does not label you at all, but He does call you to be a living

sacrifice to Him (Romans 12:1) wherever you are, whatever you are doing.

The heart of CMA is a mission to save the lost souls within the biker community, and as a member of CMA, this mission applies to you. In essence, God has given all in CMA a mission to save His sheep in this particular field. Ezekiel 34:16 says,

"I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again." And John 17:19 says, "Jesus died on the cross not only to save us, but also to consecrate us to God's Service". Just how you contribute to this mission is entirely between yourself and God. This is a personal responsibility, achieved only by a personal relationship with the Lord, which reveals His purpose for you in CMA. Proverbs 3:6 says, "Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take".

*I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.  
- Bob Hope*

As a woman of God, I laid my plea before Him regarding His purpose for me in CMA. It wasn't easy; in fact it was extremely painful, because I had to let go of preconceived ideas and fears; openly and honestly handing these over to Him. Only when I had submitted completely, was He able to work in me.

Oh boy, did He work in me. Two days before the Farmyard Party, I was given an open heart to be placed in an area out of my comfort zone and then lifted beyond all my expectations to a place of such heartfelt cries for the souls of almost 10,000 people surrounding me at the rally.

I cried and prayed like never before. I cried for men, women and children alike because I was given the realisation that in this sea of humanity most, if not the majority, were destined for hell if they were not told about their salvation in Christ.

God, in that moment of submission, blessed me beyond all measure and I

was given a specific purpose for Him in CMA at that moment. It is not that this will remain static; I realise that I must always be open and ready to respond to His will. Consequently, God is showing me new areas where He has called me as His servant. It is SO exciting! I am prompted, as I write this, to ask you if you have found your place and His purpose for you in and beyond CMA? Remember that God has given each of us different gifts (Romans 12:6-8) and it is our responsibility to use those gifts for His honour and His glory. I have found it is far better to have the joy of knowing you are in God's will, than to be negotiating your way out of it. It may be that today is the day you really do business with God, submit to Him and expect miracles. Are you ready for it? My prayer is that each and every woman in CMA discovers her purpose for His will and is blessed beyond all measure. (1 Chronicles 4:10). God bless you Sandy

Rosendale Bike Show. Stand outside Kay Street Baptist Church. Members from N.Cheshire, Lakes & Lancs and West Yorkshire, on the 25.09.05. Pic thanks to Sid.



# National Executive meetings topics

by Rob Urand

This is another opportunity to know more about what the National Executive do and the topics we discuss at our meetings. The Exec currently numbers six, elected by the membership, our names appear on the inside front cover of 'Chainlink' and possibly mug shots as well. The six include the President and Treasurer. The Exec have responsibility for the overall management and direction of the organisation, in ways honouring to God, within our Charity Constitution and in compliance with our rules.



'Chainlink', in which Mike brings us up to date on his visits to branches, events, and speaking engagements. We also have a brief update on CMA finances at each meeting. At the end of each meeting we pray and break bread together.

We usually meet about five or six times a year, mostly during the winter when the bike scene is quieter. This year so far we have met in January, February, June and September, with another meeting planned for November. Topics covered in the January meeting were included in the Spring 2005 issue of 'Chainlink', so this issue will cover topics discussed at the three meetings held since then.

Each meeting starts with a time of prayer, and a short bible study which we take turns to lead. There is always a President's report, very similar to the ones appearing in

Implementing the vision. We discussed a document produced by Les entitled 'Implementing the vision for developing CMA'. Les agreed to create a questionnaire based upon this for the branches, to establish a picture of where we are now, before developing strategy to go forward.

Regional Reps job description. Chris's job description paper was discussed. Key factors are experience of a branch leadership role, a good communicator, and an understanding of the value of operating nationally. We agreed to look out for those who might naturally fit into this role and encourage the expansion of regional reps. (There are now three; South East, North West, and London. Would you make a suitable Regional rep in your area? Pray about it)

Affiliates joining. The practicalities of the new rule, agreed at the AGM, requiring affiliates to have their joining/renewal forms countersigned by their Branch Chairman, were discussed. It was felt that this should have positive results in encouraging branches and outlying affiliates to meet up, either half way, or by organising a branch run to the affiliate at his church, for example. Branches needed to be inventive.

Display stands. Planning and finance for a CMA stand at the 2006 Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park were discussed. Mike had visited in 2005 on a fact finding mission; talking to the organiser and finding out what is most effective in getting an organisation's message across to the Christian visitors. Examples of the sort of display stands we would need were inspected and discussed with those using them. It was agreed that Paul would watch for such stands appearing on e-Bay. Shared funding is being sought.

P.O Box. The Post Office have withdrawn our P.O Box in Wokingham because the post code has been changed, and we no longer have a member living in that area as their rules require. Unfortunately they did not tell us of the withdrawal. Following much discussion with their Head Office the only option we have is to set up a new box in another area.

This is under way, the box is likely to be located in Loughborough; details to be circulated as soon as known. Stickers bearing the new address will be circulated to branches for use on CMA stationery and publicity.

MAG Marshals' Fund: It was agreed to make a gift of £250 to the fund following the flood at Helmsley at the end of the 2005 Farmyard Party in which the rally marshals lost most of their camping and bike gear. Mike will deliver the gift personally.

Other items discussed: Planning for Leaders' Weekend, AGM, Run for The Son, EMC, National Rally, and National Board; 2006 National Events dates; CMA Bible Study material; Fund raising committee; Racing sponsorship; 'Chainlink'; Prayer support; Responsibilities for individual Exec members; CMA banners; Issues of membership lists to branches; Bibles in bike shops.

Please also note the following from our meetings:

\*Will Branch Officers please keep their contact details up to date with Ted Russell, Membership Secretary, and inform him promptly of changes of branch officers.

***\*Mike & Sandy would really appreciate it if everyone tried to avoid contacting them by telephone on Sundays..***

# Hit by conviction and the Spirit

By Steve Bailey

Let me introduce myself to you. My name is Steve.

I was arrested in May 2004 after a long time on drugs, alcohol and a total lack of any sort of respect for



Me then

anything, which led to me being arrested and charged with some very serious offenses to do with firearms, explosive substances and drugs that carried a minimum of 5 years to a maximum of life imprisonment. During my arrest I took a large amount of amphetamine and ended up in hospital, where my heart gave up on me and I died briefly, having to be brought back to life by the hospital staff. During my time on remand I saw my solicitor, who said that the explosive substance charge was not on the deposition. With that, I thought I would take my chance and go guilty to the rest. After I had pleaded guilty in court, the prosecution said that the matter of the explosives was in front of the Attorney General and the judge gave them seven days to let him know what the outcome would be.

When I went for sentencing, the prosecution tried to enter the charge and the judge refused them. On

passing my sentence, the accumulated time for the 5 counts in sentence was 6 years. However, because the judge gave the counts to run concurrently, I only got two and a half years in total, less half the sentence on license, which mean 15 months inside. I started my sentence in Norwich Prison and was then transferred to Wayland Prison just outside Thetford. I was still the same person at that time, as when I went in.

I agreed to do a drug rehabilitation course and there I met a friend who was a Christian. Just before Christmas he asked me if I would come and support him in a carol service he was taking part in. After making a number of excuses over time and the persistence of my friend, I finally agreed, and that is when God found an opening to my life.

I realised that God had his hand on me even before I was ready to accept Him. I now believe., His intervention with the court case and giving me back my life during the hospital stay really hit home.

Norfolk branch got to know Steve because we had a stand at the Living Water Christian festival in Norwich. We got chatting to Bob and Sue Morrish who are prison visitors and knew Steve and also his release date. They had also witnessed to him and as Steve was also very interested in bikes asked him if they could give his details to the CMA.

On Wednesday 25th June I was talking to the other orderly and it was suggested during our conversation why don't I shave off my beard and moustache, as it would not make me look so intimidating. I answered truthfully and explained that over many years I have psychologically relied on my looks to keep people away from getting too close to me. My looks were that of a typical biker, bald, beard, moustache and tattoo's. I got back to my cell at dinner time and, for the time I was banged up behind my cell door, could not stop thinking about what had been said and my reply. I know God sees everything in my mind and heart, so I know with me its got to be all or nothing with God. So I decided to remove my mask and shaved off my beard and moustache. When I had finished shaving I felt very vulnerable and scared, but once I saw people, after we were opened up, I realized I was ok. I got to the chapel in the afternoon and talked with the chaplain about things that had happened that morning. I also knew I had to remove a stumbling block of guilt that was holding me back from being closer to God. I told the chaplain about it and he explained that even though Jesus has already taken my sin away, it is still important for us to recognize our own shortfalls and offer them up to God. I felt a great weight had been lifted from my mind and I felt at peace with

myself. I then went off by myself and read John chapter 14, where Jesus comforts, confirms he is the way and the He is with us, also that if we focus and come to Him then we also see God. Then the chaplain came in and we read the chapter together and shared our thoughts on this. The chaplain asked if we could pray together. I agreed, and I can tell you this now, I have been on a lot of drugs in the past, but when we finished praying I was so high, I felt every emotion all at the same time and my body felt very different. I shared my feelings with the chaplain and he assured me that what I was experiencing was the Holy Spirit, God's messenger and that because I had opened up to God and had come into God's grace through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God had done what He promised and Jesus had sent his messenger the Holy Spirit to comfort me and guide me.

We had a meeting that evening and there was no way I was able to keep quiet about what had happened and any sort of order to that meeting went right out of the window, Praise the Lord! Praise God!

For the last few weeks of my sentence I felt very anxious because of the change from imprisonment to freedom; how people would react, the Police, neighbours, even Church congregations. I prayed about it with the chaplain and asked for courage and help from God.

On the day of my release I was given a lift home by two Christians who Worship within the prison as visitors and this was my first blessing from God. The next one was that evening; I saw a police officer who knew me and he agreed



Me now

at me. My wife kept looking at me with a look of disbelief. She could not understand what was happening. My explanation is that God definitely had his hand in this. Afterwards the minister invited my wife and myself for a chat and it is just amazing how God can still perform miracles and direct

to come and visit me at home sometime over the weekend. Before he turned up, my wife made me aware that the police had brought back some items seized when I was arrested. Among them were knives, machete's and crossbows. You can imagine how worried I began to be. I am not even allowed to handle them, let alone have them in my home and they could put me back into prison for having these items.

On Sunday morning I went to a local Church and was blessed greatly by the service. In the afternoon the police officer came round and I handed the items over to him, much to his amazement. We then chatted about the change that had come about by my turning to God. In the evening I went to another local Church and every word of the reading from 1 Samuel and the explanation I felt was being directed at me; even the words of the hymns were directed

our lives if only we have the desire to follow His path that He has set down for us.

If you think that these things I have written about are just coincidence then please give me your explanation. Not even my wife, who has not yet come to the Lord, is able to do that. As for myself I believe it to be from God.

My prayers go to the people who have offered me friendship, either by their love for Christ, or the non-believers who, by their very caring and compassionate nature, have encouraged me in my change.

If this Testimony has touched you then please don't harden your heart to Jesus. Remember He died for you as well as for me on that cross. May the love that Jesus brings fall upon you now and never leave you.

Amen

## Note from the Editor

### **Deadline for Spring 2006 edition is 15th February**

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## Thanks from Ken Hardy Chainlink Editor

There was I listening to Mike tell us about the winners for this category or that category and then, who had been awarded the 'Presidents Award', Mike was saying all this stuff about the recipient, and I was thinking yes, I know many people within the CMA who fit that bill, then he mentioned Chainlink, and I had time to think "what's that got to do with any award" then he said my name.



Yes, astounded and surprised, as it had never crossed my mind that chainlink and myself would be in that same arena. I mean awards go to great people. I know I try, and have been told several times *I am very trying*, but.....

But with all awards, we do it for the Lord. I do the chainlink with help, so please remember those who help me put it together, including Linda, Dennis and Julia Harley and Pat Wakeling, who gave me many ideas and suggestions, many pinned up here in front of me at the computer. Pidd, the well know rider of the scooter, Alex Carmichael, and many more, who give me ideas and suggestions. Where possible and relevant I include them.

Thank you.

Putting the chainlink together gives me the chance to read the stuff several times, I mean loads of times and lots of it is awesome. So when you have read it once, read it again, then come back and read it some more -----want to be amazed at what people do? how they met with the Lord? then read it again, before perhaps giving it to someone else to read.

**Articles for the Chainlink are most welcome, PLEASE REMEMBER!  
All names, addresses and pictures, especially of children, must have permission to be published. If I get them, I am assuming you have done just that, so the sender needs to be responsible for all information sent. If in doubt, run it past the President or the Exec. committee.  
All pictures must be separate from any document; ie, send them as tiff or jpeg, either on e-mails or CD by post. For all photos sent, give a description of them on a thumbnail picture page, so I can relate them to specific events, then they can go on downloads as a picture montage. All photos sent will be returned.**

## Larry says thanks By Sid O'Neill. N.Cheshire Branch

It was at the CMA National Rally this year that I had the pleasure of handing over the new camping equipment to Larry Hartland (N.London Chairman)



man tent, 3 chairs, 1 double airbed, a light and cups, pots and pans etc. At the next N.Cheshire meeting I mentioned Larry and his lack of camping gear, the flood and the too

It was bought with the kind donations of CMA members, who responded to my request to help Larry replace all the equipment he lost at the Farm Yard Rally flood earlier in the year, up at Helmsley.

good an offer to miss etc. Folk at the meeting dug deep and raised to the penny the cash needed to buy all the gear.

I'd offered £100, which was excepted. Praise God.

It was soon after I'd heard of the Flood and Larry's aqua Antics that I was offered brand new camping gear at a local Motorcycle shop in sunny Widnes. It was too good a deal to miss. It was my cousin selling all the gear. He had paid over £400 for an 8

So all that remains to say is THANK YOU! You saw a brother in need and you responded. You weren't only giving to Larry, but to the Lord..... Bless you all.

## Burnout on grass saved the tyres!



## Slow Ride Race. and the winner was.....



And here we have the winner Roy O'Hara ok! ok! so he was delighted to win Thanks to Sid for awarding this prestigious cup for this out-standing rider.



The tape went down and no one moved, except the sidecar outfit, who lost in the quickest time. Where's Mad Mick? Well he's catching up fast - see previous page.

## Hi, It's me again by Emma fitton

I got my first waistcoat about a month ago! Yay! I look really cool! Well I did but then I thought that it looked really boring so, I added some tassels to the side of it, (pink ones of course!) and I have had so many compliments about this! Whoever thought that a 15 year old girl would be walking about with a leather waist on with pink tassels on it sat on a big, fat noisy Harley? Well I never and that's for sure!



Well, if you then look at mine, it is neat, but to be truly honest I am not the neatest person around! But then if you look at the tassels I think that it shows how girly I am and how I love to make things more interesting! I have always wanted things to be more fun and interesting!

At school I always get asked, "Emma, how come you are so happy all the time, even in the morning?" What do I say? I HAVE JESUS!

They never believe me

Whenever I go to rallies I love looking at other people's waistcoats because they all tell a different story and they tell you about the person that's wearing it! If you look at Mikes you will see lots of glue marks on them because he was sure that good old EVO would do the trick but only after the 5th time trying he finally realised that maybe he needs some help!

Then if you look at my Moms, it has nothing on it and is always neat and tidy! My mom never stops hoovering and cleaning! Anything that stands still for more than a minute gets hoovered

but oh well! At least I know! I am never ashamed to say it. I am so proud to be a Christian that I have just bought a ring that to me symbolises that I don't believe in sex before marriage! To me it was a hard step as I knew that I would get absolutely laughed at in my school, but I prayed about it and now no one can stop me! I am the happiest person ever!

***Thanks again for reading this, are there any other young people that will write an article? It's OUR CMA page so start writing and taking photos! (send 'em to the Editor)***

Enjoy life and keep smiling

God Bless

Emma xx

# Young Adults page 12-18 years



## NATIONAL YOUTHBIKE 2005

WHERE LEARNING IS FUN by Les Jones

Several East Midlands members arrive at an out-of-town school in deepest Lincolnshire early one evening. We park up and begin to raise the CMA tent to run a Holy Joe's for National Youthbike 2005. Within the hour the marquee is erected, lighting in place and just a little drizzle falls. No worries, the urn is on and tea is soon brewing. And as soon as the water is boiling, who should appear but a selection of thirsty and weary Youthbike organisers.

Youth leaders arrive with their youngsters and their show entries. Will the Salford team travel to Grantham via Durham? Why have the Bristol team travelled anti-clockwise around the M25? One team turns up with only one of their two bikes - one was stolen the week before. Another group arrive with the bike and only two of the team of 6 - the local authority has refused funds to bring the whole team.

Funding for many of the projects is hard fought for. The sources of funding are forever changing and sometimes hard to come by. Many of these kids come from difficult backgrounds and 'unwanted' housing estates; a good many don't fit into normal school life.

CMA has run a Holy Joe's at Youthbike for the last 6 years. A few years ago we started to present a prize for the best restored bike - the 'Resurrection' Prize.

The entries are all wheeled out into the show arena on Saturday morning with the team and portfolios. Visitors and judges work their way around the displays (expressing a mixture of wonder and disbelief). The kids talk about their machines with tremendous knowledge and enthusiasm. Ask any of the judges whether picking winners is easy. While the judges deliberate, deviously wet and horrid silly games are laid on.





Saturday evening is the climax to the weekend with prize giving and a party to follow. Several groups sweep up collections of trophies. As the evening proceeds, almost all the groups will take home an award of some kind (of course it's a fix!).

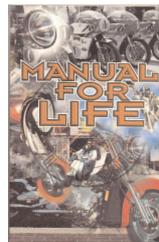
Youthbike 2005 has been a great success. We've seen some ace engineering, bucket-loads of enthusiasm and more resolve to come back next year. This is the culmination of nine months hard

work. Holy Joe's has been busy - we have got through loads of choc bars and sweeties and spent time talking to all-comers of all ages.

Youthbike is special. I hope I've communicated something of the spirit of the Youthbike weekend DO YOU HAVE THE VISION to work with a group of youngsters for 'National Youthbike 2006'? Visit the website [www.youthbike.com](http://www.youthbike.com) for more information and to ask for an entry pack.

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DON'T RUN ON EMPTY.....**

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town Read it, live it, tell others about it.**



## Plymouth Megaride

by Stephen Hague Devon twig



All five members of the Devon twig joined between six and ten thousand other motorcyclists on the Plymouth Megaride.

The riders met on an industrial estate at Lee Mill a few miles east of Plymouth on Sunday 19th June 2005.

This was the eleventh year that the Megaride has been held and it was the biggest and the best.

Riders started arriving from about 9am and the roads start to fill up. When we arrived at 10.30am there were already several thousand motorcycle there and more were arriving all the time.

At 11.30 the ride started to leave to join the A38. As the riders left the industrial estate they took over the whole road and the traffic that was on the road had no option but to stop and

let up all go.

We rode towards Exeter until we reached South Brent when we came off the A38 went over the bridge and went back onto the road and rode into Plymouth.

When we arrived in Plymouth we went to the Hoe where all the bikes parked, on the Hoe there were trade stands, bands etc.

While we were on the ride there were hundreds of people on the roadside and on bridges all waving and both riders and pillions had aching arms through waving back.

This was the first time that the Twig has been to the Megaride and no doubt it will not be the last. With so many motorcyclists in one place what an opportunity to tell them about Jesus.

## The Farmyard Rally 2005

as reported in the National press



**Larry & brother Adrian at Lady Lumley's School, Pickering, which was opened as an emergency centre.** (full story [www.thisisyork.co.uk](http://www.thisisyork.co.uk))

Bikers at the MAG Farmyard Rally at Helmsley Yorkshire had a miraculous escape from a raging torrent, when freak thunderstorms brought flooding to North Yorkshire.

Motorbikes, cars, portable toilets and beer tents with all the equipment were swept away, when the River Rye at Helmsley burst its banks.

At least four bikers, attending this massive rally, were winched to safety by an RAF Sea King helicopter after becoming stranded by the rising flood waters.

Larry and brother Adrian (above) said the consequences could have been "catastrophic", had the flooding struck a few hours earlier, when thousands of bikers were asleep in their tents.

"Several thousand people would have

been dead," said Larry, whose £6,500 Triumph bike, trailer and all his gear was swept away.

At least eight motorbikes were swept away, along with cars, traders stalls, and tents, and much equipment.

More than 50 bikers were evacuated to the stately home on the site, where Lord and Lady Feversham provided refreshments. "We cannot thank them enough," said biker Simon Freedman, from Manchester.

Trevor Baird, spokesman for the rally organisers, The Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) said about 8,000 bikers had attended the rally from across Britain and parts of Europe.

A number of Bikers returned to the site the next day to see what they could salvage.

## Major Events List 2006

**February Friday 17th-Sunday 19th**

**Leaders Fellowship Weekend, Lancaster**

(hosted by Lakes and Lancs branch)

**February 23rd/26th European Christian Biker's Summit**

**Lisbon Portugal**

**April 28th/30th Annual General Meeting, Congleton**

(hosted by North Cheshire branch)

**May 20th/21st Peterborough BMF Show**

**July Thursday 20th-Sunday 23rd National Rally, Hollybush, Northallerton, North Yorkshire,**

Hollybush will be opened up on Thursday 20th for those who want to make it a longer weekend.

**August 4th/6th European Motorcyclists for Christ, European Rally, Keruu, Finland**

## Letter from College Mike Fitton

### LETTER FROM SON....

Dear Dad,

School is really great. I've made lots of friends and am studying hard. With all my stuff, I simply can't think of anything I need, so if you would like, you can just send me a card, as I would love to hear from you.

Love, your son

### REPLY FROM DAD....

Dear Son,

I know that astronomy, economics, and oceanography are enough to keep even an honor student busy. Do not forget that the pursuit of knowledge is a noble task, and you can never study hard enough.

Love, Dad.

*What would men be without women? Scarce, sir...mighty scarce.  
- Mark Twain*

# Baptism, the last thing on my mind

Ray - Kent Branch

When I decided to go to the CMA national rally 2005 baptism was the last thing on my mind. I was more concerned with the fact that I had never been to a rally, unless I had been part of a club.

Also, it was my first rally since the 'Bulldog' in 1999. I did not know it was 'dry', plus the fact that the only people I

knew were from the Kent branch. All worldly concerns, but enough to clear my mind of the thought of being baptised.

The thought of baptism a few weeks earlier on one of my regular visits to Rochester Cathedral. I am a volunteer in a soup kitchen in Rochester two days a week and usually go to the Cathedral to centre myself, so I am best able to help our clients. On this particular visit I went to the new baptistery to look at the new Fresco. Although I had looked at it several times before, this time the image appeared in the crowd waiting on John the Baptist. I took this to be a sign from God, and tried to contact my Corps Officer (I am a Salvationist). This went on for two or three weeks and I began to believe I had imagined it. I had spoken to my friends about the situation and they



Ray "Treebeard" Knapman

told me it would happen, but in Gods own time.

With the thought firmly at the back of my mind, we set off for Thirsk.

The journey from Kent was uneventful, and we arrived mid-morning on the Friday. I travelled with friends in their car because I have no bike owing to being on

benefits and not affording one. Setting up camp proved easy as I was borrowing a tent and it would not be arrive until much later.

We wandered off, drank tea and introduced ourselves to people. Baptism was still the last thing on my mind.

Friday evening was spent on the gate, so I missed the worship session. The rest of the guys and gals from Kent arrived late, and I had stayed behind to be there to welcome them.

The following morning somebody said that two members of their branch were being baptised, and that sort of started things moving for me. Angel, Bosey, and Posh Paws decided that now was the time for me, and sure enough, that evening, along with four others, I found myself poised to slide into the water.



**Paul Wedgwood Ray and Mike Fitton in the river**

The feeling was amazing. Everyone on site seemed to be there. The situation was perfect. The day had been a little overcast, but some of the clouds dispersed long enough for the ceremony to take place. It is a time that will live with me forever. God was definitely there; no doubt, my friends, both old and new were there, what more could a man ask for. As we walked away from the river I looked back. A hole had opened in the clouds and the rays from the sun seemed to shine directly on where we had been.

We went straight from there into evening worship, and that was awesome.

I went to Hollybush and baptism was the last thing on my mind. When I left it was all that was on my mind.

What an awesome, powerful, loving God we serve. When we leave our lives in His hands what a comfort He is. It says in the Bible that God is only concerned with the welfare of His creation and for me this is proof enough. Amen.

God needs men like you to work for His cause  
Men who have broken all of the laws  
Men who have seen the depths of despair  
But have learned how to love  
And learned how to care

Men to show others the right way to live  
With two little words saying  
"Father Forgive"

by Ray

## Poem and Theory Ray - Kent branch

I was there that final night in Jerusalem - who I was I do not know.  
 Was I the man who confronted Peter and panicked him into lying?  
 Was I the man who shook Judas by the hand for a job well done?  
 I could have been the Roman, whipping some one to the point of death;  
 kind of appeals to me.  
 But then again maybe I thrust the crown of thorns on His head. Long and sharp those thorns.  
 I know I would have called for the release of Barabas. A bit of a local hero was Barabas.



Perhaps I actually nailed Him to the cross, I could have done that.  
 Maybe I jeered and mocked with the crowds; I am coward enough for that.  
 I may have cheered a little when He said "It is done".  
 I know I am there now, shamed by my crimes that took Him there.  
 Now I cling to that cross with all my strength; the only hope is in this vale of tears.....  
 Join me brother, the price has already been paid by the only person who could.

### The Big Bang Theory - a Christian View Point by Ray Kent Branch

As Christians the whole idea of the Big Bang Theory should be an anathema to us. We believe the world and everything in it was created by the direct actions of God, with a clear and certain purpose. However, for the purpose of this exercise, let us look at what the alleged Big Bang entails. The first work we encounter is BIG. What, as human beings do we consider as big? The planet we live on is pretty big, but Jupiter is bigger by far. The Solar System is big, but then again the Universe is much, much bigger. Compared to the infinity of space itself, all of these are tiny. Our mind cannot really conceive anything that

would compare with this. We are left with the concept that whatever we think of as big, God Himself sees as tiny.  
 Now, the Bang. Those of us that have seen the film Alien know that in space nobody can hear you scream. Space is a vacuum, and sound does not travel in a vacuum. Therefore, no matter how loud this bang is, all we hear is a silence.  
 So, what we really have is not a big bang as we started out, but a tiny silence. It was in the tiny silence of infinity that God breathed into existence the whole of creation.

## The Burundi project by Ted Russell



From HAZIMANA, Frederick  
Diocesan Survey at Matana  
12th March 2005

To those born with me into the family  
of Jesus Christ,

I greet you in the name of our Lord  
who loves us and who prays for us  
constantly.

Brethren, I truly have very great joy in  
writing to you because you have  
become friends to me since I have  
received a motor bike to help me  
carry out the work of the Church of  
God in the diocese of Matana in

which I work. I have no way of telling  
you how I thank God for you. May He  
add his blessings to you.

We will try to look after the machine,  
its upkeep and input. Pray for us. In  
our country there has been conflict for  
a number of years.

So I want to say 'Good bye' and to  
thank you again for a gift that came  
from your hearts.

Yours sincerely,

Frederick Hazimana

## President and the Executive Team



From left to right **Les Jones, Johnny Hallas  
Mike Fitton (President)  
Christine Clifton, Rob Urand and Paul Mitchell**

Ross Patzelt is a DJ for a radio station on the web, he has interviewed the CMA Norfolk branch live on air, several times. He has also promoted some of our events, look him up at the following sites

His Radio Show - Sundays 7- 9pm  
@ [www.qmr.fm](http://www.qmr.fm)  
His Website - [www.rosspatzelt.tk](http://www.rosspatzelt.tk)

Norfolk branch also thank Ross for his donation of over 100 CDs which we can sell for branch funds.

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# Patches seen in Europe by Jeff Sparkes



*On the web they will all be in colour*

## FARMYARD RALLY 2005

Glen Knight (North West Regional Rep.)



As a precedent to the Farmyard Rally 2005, a few CMA members of the West Yorkshire Branch went to the Yorkshire Pudding Rally in August 2004 to meet the organisers, MAG (Motorcycle Action Group). CMA proposed that they were prepared to provide a "Holy Joe's" tent, a place where bikers can enjoy a good cuppa and a chat 24/7. A breakthrough was made with the MAG officials who, after many years of opposition, agreed that CMA would be welcomed to the next rally, which would be held in Helmsley, North Yorkshire.-June 2005.

The West Yorkshire Branch continued to be persistent in prayer, as this was such a large undertaking for just one branch. It was felt that all CMA UK

branches could work together under God to man the rally and take on the responsibilities tendered to them efficiently and effectively. The response from other members of CMA was impressive as others realised what possible opportunities there could be to witness to the love of Christ, just by serving fellow bikers, in a simple, uncomplicated way.

To claim the ground for Christ a few members met in Helmsley two weeks before the rally to prayer walk the fields, which soon would be covered by thousands of bikes and tents. The prayer was for God to provide every willing and able helper and that he would overcome all negative forces and barriers against us.

The Holy Joe's tent, along with a neighboring chill-out tent, was erected in the "Dance Field" on Thursday of the rally. CMA members were keen to work as marshals under the authority of MAG or to working in the Holy Joe's tent, providing



refreshments or initiating conversations with groups of bikers and generally networking with other clubs or individuals. Every member had paid for their rally ticket, but was happy to work hard for the common good. (Romans 8 v 28. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. Who have been called according to his purpose". The organisation by MAG was co-ordinated, well thought out and planned meticulously. Rally merchandise including sweatshirts, t-shirts and fleeces were available along with food vouchers for marshals. Communication was well controlled between officials and CMA members, who worked alongside each other and the organisers with mutual respect.

On Saturday both designated fields were crammed with bikes and tents, trade stalls, various bars and music venues. In the afternoon Jim and Glen ventured into the village of Helmsley and conversed with tourists, walkers and bikers. A particular chap called Paul laughed and joked with them for some time enjoying their company, but before saying goodbye stated that he had asked God for a sign whilst visiting the grave of a relative. Since that time he has had dreams about two white doors. Glen and Jim encouraged Paul to keep asking God questions and to seek, answers from Him. The two CMAers thanked the Lord for that opportunity, each praying that they had been a good witness and that they may meet Paul again, as so many things could have been said which only came to mind once the time had passed. 1 Peter 3 v 15. "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect".

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On returning to camp it was evident that God had also been at work at the rally field site as secular bikers had approached the CMA tent asking for a Sunday service. This was not agreed in the planning stage, but on consultation with the MAG officials it was all systems go for a hastily arranged morning service. Our president Mike Fitton stepping into the breach and fulfilling his God-given role. A prayer chain was organised and calls were made home for people to pray for a good response from the bikers.

The weather was glorious all weekend with brilliant summer sunshine, which was a blessing on Sunday morning for the outside service, attended by CMA members and about half a dozen other bikers. It seemed to be well received. After the

service contact was maintained by inviting others into the Holy Joe's tent. The sharing of CMA literature and excellent publicity posters certainly helped to raise awareness of CMA amongst the biking community during the weekend. Jim and Glen happened to meet up with Paul again in the breakfast tent, wasting no time at all to invite him back for a cup of tea and a chat. Paul came back with them and appeared more open as Jesus came into the conversation and scripture was shown and explained to him, relevant to his dreams Revelation 3 v 20. "Behold I stand at the door and knock". The scripture was marked for him to read again on his own and Paul accepted readily the gift of a biker's bible, a Manual for Life.

Whilst packing up tents at the end of the rally many God - incidences were shared amongst His workers and a general feeling of satisfaction of a job well done in the name of



recompense fellow bikers, whose possessions were swept away or damaged by the force of the water.

The Lord. However no one could have predicted that a couple of hours later in the afternoon a torrential storm and subsequent flooding of the fields was to occur. The CMA believe that without all the prayer, asking God for his protection over everyone at the rally that weekend, the situation could have been a certain disaster, especially with people still camping over until Monday.

A couple of weeks later MAG held a debrief of the rally with 5

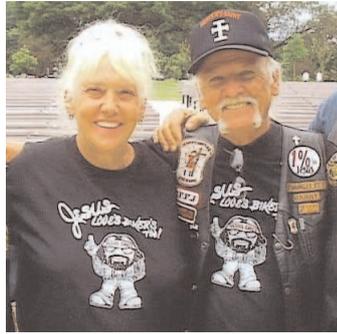
The aftermath of the flood was considerable to the land and surrounding area. After the water had subsided the MAG organisation and other bikers upheld their commitment in helping locals to clear up, which is commendable and to their credit. The Lord of the Manor was impressed and grateful to the bikers, offering shelter and refreshments for their endeavours. However, the flood did have serious implications for MAG as much equipment and revenue was lost. As a result of the flood, they set up an appeal fund to help

CMA members in attendance. The chairman asked for feedback from all people who had held some level of responsibility or who had helped in the organising, including CMA. MAG thanked us for the hard work done by members in looking after the dance field, asking us to provide our services again next year. (We are working with MAG very shortly at the Yorkshire Pudding Rally 2005). Much banter was then entered into by referring to the flood i.e. if CMA were coming next year could we bring an Ark or alternatively MAG would put in place contingency plans for a possible plague of locusts, etc, etc. This was all very light-hearted and taken with good humour.

God willing, the event will be held again next year and CMA can be instrumental in offering a unique and non-threatening opportunity for bikers to meet together, building up a healthy liaison with MAG to achieve these aims.

## Heaven's Saints M/M by Bruce Potenza

We'd like to introduce ourselves. We are the Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry. Based in the state of Alabama in the USA. The Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry provides Christian Motorcyclists with a brotherhood of fellow



Fran & Barry

bikers to fellowship with and minister alongside. While our main focus is reaching the motorcycle community with the good news that Jesus saves, Heaven's Saints are involved in activities such as prison ministry, community outreaches and youth prison prevention ministry. Through special rides and activities, we help to provide food, clothing, blankets, toys, fans, and diapers to those in need. We minister at funerals, perform weddings, pray for the sick and do our best to help anyone in need.

Those who have been in motorcycle clubs know about being loyal to the patch that they wear (their colours). That patch signifies their club. When they accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, that loyalty shifts to the Lord. They become warriors for God. For that reason, the Heaven's Saint patch

bears the armour of God (Ephesians 6:13) The Heaven's Saints wear a Christian flag, with our member patch in the lower right hand corner. The flag is Jesus' colours. The Heaven's Saints is a ministry, not a club. It is not our desire to control any specific state, city, or location. It is, however, our desire to assist those in need in whatever way we can. Our bylaws are the Bible. We will do our best to guide others into a personal relationship with God and his son, Jesus. We believe that Jesus is the answer to ANY problems you might be facing. We are always glad to pray for and with others.

Covenant Ministries - United in Christ The Heaven's Saints have invited other motorcycle ministries to join them in wearing the Christian flag on their backs. Ours is a ministry of serving others. In times of natural disasters, such as a tornado or flood, local residents give a sigh of relief when they see that Red Cross truck pull up with items to meet their needs. In the same way, we would hope that the Christian flag would be a symbol of "help is here" for those in need.

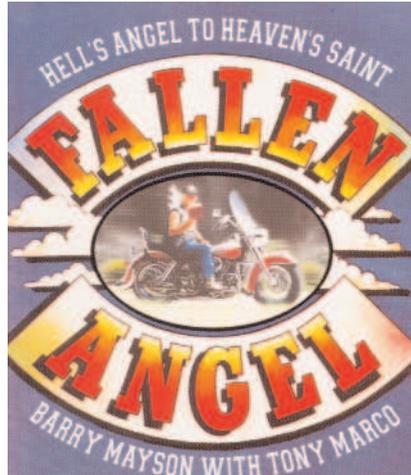
***By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.  
Billy Crystal***

We may not be like the Red Cross and have a truckload of food and blankets, but we have a heart full of love and a desire to meet spiritual needs, and through prayer and seeking God, even to meet physical needs. Christian flag patches are available on our web site at [www.heavensaints.com](http://www.heavensaints.com) If you are ever in the US, we welcome you to visit one of our events.

Our founder, Barry Mayson, is a former member and chapter president of the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club. Through his life's testimony as a member and eventual President of the South Carolina chapter of the Hell's Angel Motorcycle

Club in the 1970's and his conversion to a born-again Christian, he has been able to evangelize with the authority of someone who knows the truth. Few people ever walk away from the Hell's Angels and live to tell about it. God mercifully protected Barry on numerous occasions and has continued to do so. His testimony contains amazing stories of God's grace and mercy and the faithful prayers of a mother who put feet to her faith. You can purchase Barry's book "Fallen Angel" on line at [www.barrymayson.com](http://www.barrymayson.com)

More to come in the next issue. The book is brilliant, (editor)



# Take Control - Ride Safely campaign.

by Ashley John



Ashley John - new CMA Affiliate Member (former FCM Chairman) promoting 'Take Control - Ride Safely campaign'.

On the 6th June 2005 the Essex Motorcycle Safety Forum began a campaign to promote motorcycling safety. The "Take Control - Ride Safely" campaign encourages riders to take better control of their machines and ride safely. Riders in and around Essex can request a copy of a CD, which features a short film 'If only,' an interactive game, and gives basic motorcycle maintenance and safe riding advice. It also lists training organisations and advanced instructors, with links to other member organisations such as IAM,

RoSPA, Bikesafe, BMF, Essex County Council etc.

It encourages riders to pursue further training and develop better control of their machine, ensuring they get the best out of their riding, whilst increasing their safety, reducing risks and giving some peace of mind to family, friends and others. This is the main purpose of the Forum.

Members of the Motorcycle Safety Forum include representatives from Essex County Council, Essex Police, BMF, IAM, RoSPA, MAG, EAMG, Essex Fire & Rescue Service and approved training bodies, instructors and motorcycle dealers.

The message is going out to all riders, but there is also special emphasis on the so called

'born again bikers' in their late 30's 40's 50's who may have more cash at their disposal, and can obtain relatively cheap insurance. So after years of not riding, they go out and buy a powerful machine, thinking their skills from their youth are enough to enable them to handle it. Statistics are showing a massive increase in Serious Injury or Fatal Accidents involving that age group who, in many cases, owned their new bikes for less than 3 months.

Ashley John, a former Chairman of the Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists (FCM) and now National Committee Member & BMF Rep for FCM, and new Affiliate Member of MESS Branch, is a Member of the Forum and a RoSPA approved Advanced Motorcycle Instructor. Ashley is also an Essex Police approved Observer for Bikesafe Essex, working alongside serving police officers to provide assessment rides and follow up training to candidates attending Bikesafe Workshops at Chelmsford Police Headquarters.

Ashley is pictured with Essex County Councillor Nigel Edey (Braintree East) - sitting on Ashley's bike, a Honda CBR 1000 FX, and Essex Air

Ambulance Charity Organiser Jean Pegg.

For details of Bikesafe Workshops up and down the UK, check out the Bikesafe website.

To obtain a copy of the 'Take Control - Ride Safely' CD, contact Dee Hawkins at Essex County Council on telephone: 01245 437234 or gain access to it via [www.essexcc.gov.uk/bikes](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/bikes)

Ashley says: "I believe it is part of my service for Jesus Christ to represent Him in all I do. I enjoy motorcycling and passing on potentially life saving riding skills as part of that service for my Lord. I would encourage CMA UK members to consider taking further training, if you haven't done so already, and recommend keeping your skill levels high once you have improved them. Bikesafe is a scheme organised nationally by the Police. I would recommend it as first step to having your current riding standards assessed, and to obtaining useful information that, if applied correctly, could improve your safety and enjoyment of your bikes."

Happy riding & God bless you in your service for the Lord.

Ashley John, MESS Branch

***Don't worry about avoiding temptation...as you grow older, it will avoid you.  
- Winston Churchill***

## BMF 2005 & 2006 by Les Jones

The **BMF Show** is held each May at Peterborough. It is the biggest outdoor bike show in Europe, with over 80,000 visitors through the gates over two days.

**BMF Show** is big, very big, so it makes sense that CMA should have a presence at one of the UK's biggest shop windows for bikers: it is the biggest event at which CMA takes exhibition space. Our purpose at **BMF** is to raise our profile as a serious biking organisation and contact potential new members. We are limited with how much outreach we can engage in, but one-to-one evangelism is quietly effective.

The 2005 marquee was largely supported by Norfolk branch, who took charge of the show area and North East Derby branch, who managed the hospitality tent.



Members from East Midlands and Bedford provided support, with others joining in to help out while visiting for the day. These arrangements meant that everyone could take part in supporting the tent, stay fresh by not being on duty for prolonged times and still had plenty of time to watch events in the arena or pursue that elusive bargain.

Over the weekend we met many CMA members, old and new, dropping in for a cuppa and conversation; many with friends. The feeling was that we had fewer visitors and contacts than recent years, BUT that the depth of conversations we were having were far deeper and more rewarding - including a number of non-Christians coming in 'cold' and asking about the gospel or seeking counselling.



**So what about BMF Show 2006?  
20th - 21st May at Peterborough**

Having groups of people from 2 or 3 branches worked very well in 2005 - Would your branch like to come as a team to help in 2006.

Memba Rally tickets will be at. £24 or camp in Exhibitor camping.

Contact Les Jones - 01509 827387 E-mail:- les.jones75@ntlworld.com for more information and to book a ticket.

**'Europe's biggest outdoor bike show'**

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### Scotland

Forth and Tay  
Rest of Scotland  
Scottish Highlands

### North West

Merseyside  
North Cheshire  
Lakes N' Lancs.

### Midlands

East Midlands  
West Midlands  
Stafford  
Bedford  
Norfolk

### South West

Bristol  
Gloucester  
South Wales

### Ireland

Belfast  
Dublin

### South East

Kent  
Most of Essex  
& South Suffolk  
South West London  
Surrey and Sussex  
Thames Valley  
North London

### Isle of Man

Isle of Man

### North East

West Yorkshire  
Lincs & East Yorks  
North East  
North East Derbyshire

### Twigs

Devon  
Portsmouth  
North & West Wales  
South London

*More information can be found  
on the web site [www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk)  
or phone a branch*

## Does God ride a Harley?

Ozzy (Dr X) North Cheshire Branch

This has been the assumption of many bikers for many years now. I dare say more so in the United States than over here. I don't want to offend the folks that like or own a Harley. My taste in motorcycles is very varied, but more on that later.

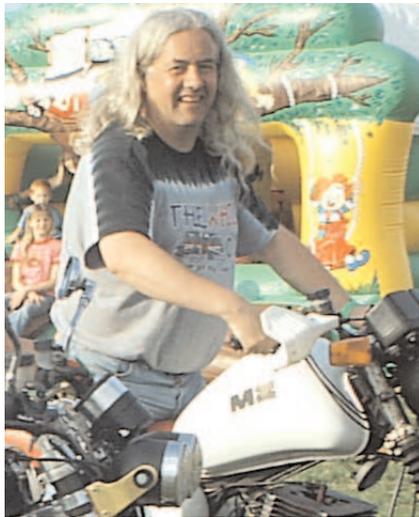
I received an unloved, tatty and in need of a full restoration, 1979

MZ 250cc yesterday. This was very much to the bemusement of many in the North Cheshire ranks. Why does he get so excited about such an old worthless wreck of a motorcycle? (I have spent many years in a psychiatric unit y'know, fortunately dear reader I was a carer), again more of that later.

I have in my stable a 900 Triumph, a 650 BSA and various other machines. I can muster a machine for the road most of the time. I do not own a car, nor do I want one either thank you.

So where does all this lead to? Why did I get so excited by a basically worthless old machine? Well, I am a motorcycle restorer and I love building old machines.

I am ok financially, so why bother with



mans conception of mobile scrap?

Because it's worth it. I believe in worth of the worthless.

Many years ago in a CMA AGM we were drinking lemonade (honest Pres) in a local pub. (Well we can't help it if the water turned into wine can we.)

Anyway, there was a person there who, to be honest, was in need of a wash and

was not terribly exciting company, yet one of the club members spent hours just listening and talking to this person. Taking them on face value without ramming the Gospel down their throat. That, to me, was an example of real Christian love in action.

A real reflection of God's love is enacted in the secret places, without bringing attention to the individual. The Pharisees got their reward from man. We need to be more discreet, that's if we want to receive a blessing. When I met God face to face I was a drunkard, womanising, drug taking wild man. I was a social outcast and had a hatred and deep mistrust of society.

I haven't changed much have I. Seriously though, God sent me someone who spoke my language; a wonderful lady, who became my companion, who went to all the drinking establishments with me, watched me drink myself to oblivion, smoke cannabis and generally behave in my usual obnoxious way. Yet she never condemned me nor judged me, and she had a Peace about her and something about her that I respected.

In retrospect, she really reflected the love of Christ. Jesus only ever really rebuked those who were trying to oppress others with their conception of a relationship with God (White washed sepulchres with dead man's bones).

He associated Himself with street fighters (Mark Ch3 v17) prostitutes, tax collectors and the other so-called dregs of society.

He built a church from these people. So do we honestly think it was God's second choice to mix with these people?

No, all are loved and accepted by Christ. No matter where they are or what state they are in, we are told to love and minister to them.

I spent years working with the elderly and frail and loved my time in the mental health unit. Not a pleasant job at times, but a chance to learn humility and to put love into practice (Head down gob shut!)

If we are to be successful in expanding God's kingdom, we need to adopt the heart of a restorer and get God's heart and perception of people. They may be a lost cause by society's standard.

The bike scene is a serious base for this culture.

Do we see a broken person or somebody drunk, verbally lashing out at you. Do we accept or condemn?

We need to be wise, but remember the loneliness of these people and love them.

By our actions and love we shall save. Preaching the Gospel isn't just a verbal thing, it's a life expression. (James Ch2v17)

**A little personal info from Les for the Chainlink. Les is a member of the Executive committee, do you know your committee members? No? well I am sure they would be very happy for you to chat to them.**

"My first bike was a Yamaha YB100. " This is your bike sir, here are your L plates and that's the A4 into central London". It cost me £1 for



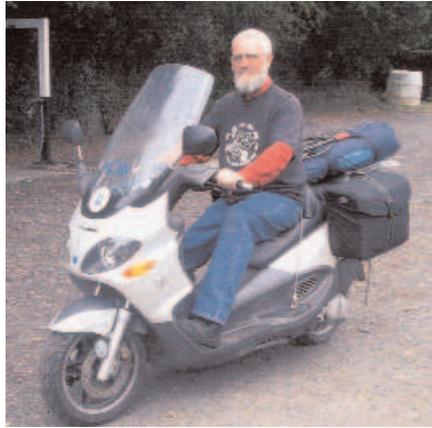
a full tank of petrol each week for my commute – Knightsbridge – Hyde Park Corner - Picadilly Circus every day. Mad? – I cycled before I had the Yam!"

***Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty, but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out. - Phyllis Diller***

## Thoughts after a trip to the bank

by Pidd

Yesterday, 15th September, it was raining in Yardley so I put on my extra jacket, caught two buses, and travelled the three and a half miles to Marston Green, where I found it was baking hot and sunny. Nowadays I often travel by public transport



because my senior citizens' pass allows me to do it for 'nowt, offsetting the physical labour of getting biker clothing on and the bike on the road. The benefits of retirement are GREAT. Anyway, I thought for a change I would return by rail to Stechford - two stops - and then walk the half mile back to Yardley. And yes, it was raining in Stechford too!

At the first stop, Lea Hall, an elderly Caribbean style lady got on and I was accosted by her with a Christian tract and the usual verbiage about saving one life etc. that usually puts secular folk straight off. I endeavored to tell her I was already saved and part of a Christian Biker evangelist movement, but she was so bound up in her method of evangelism that she didn't really want to know. "Oh, you've got a

badge," she said. "It's not the badge that's important, but what's inside you etc. etc." I couldn't agree more, though our insignia does help to identify us to Christians and secular folk alike.

On my walk from the railway station, I pondered on that

meeting and remembered yesterday's daily reading. Notes author Selwyn Hughes creates a new word. He uses 'verbivores' - word eating beings, though it is not the actual eating that is important, it is the digestion and absorption of the words into our spiritual lives that matters.

By coincidence a biker acquaintance of mine sent me an e-mail yesterday promoting, it is said, "The Washington Posts Mensa Invitational" whatever that is. Apparently subscribers are asked to invent new words with an appropriate meaning by changing just one letter in an accepted existing word. Some are hilarious, others more serious. One I particularly like is "Sarchasm" - The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

From Selwyn's notes I would now change verbivores to verbibores - Those who go on and on about the same topic. Now on occasion that might apply to me? To the secular world the Caribbean lady could be one too by her manner of speech. We know what she says is right; it's the

manner that is off-putting. CMA's mandate of evangelism by lifestyle, the getting alongside people and demonstrating the Christian Life in practical and meaningful ways is more likely to succeed where "otherbores" cannot reach.

## Thames Valley Branch by Dave Parkin



For the last few years the Thames Valley Branch has organised a run to a local children's home on Easter Sunday. We meet together on the outskirts of Reading and then ride the 10 miles or so to the children's home. We take along Easter eggs for the children (and also the workers). We let the children sit on the bikes and chat to them and take some pictures

of them. The following week a couple of members return to the home and take back the pictures for them and also give them some Christian literature and maybe some bikers Bibles. The children seem to really enjoy the visits and always have some notes of thanks and pictures they have drawn for us when we return.

# I.O.M. and the EMC

by Roy



**Back - Calvin & Katy, Roy Kneale, Dawn & Steve, American Jim, Chris K, Kev.  
 Front - Des, Roy, Iain and Aaron. (The Author, Roy, is the ugly one)**

EMC - If yer didn't go,  
 then Ya should av!

The trip - Ramsey (Isle of Man), to  
 Venlo in The Netherlands.

The Event - EMC Rally.

The Bike - Honda Blackbird  
 Streetfighter / scrap special thing.

Ferry to Liverpool and quickly visit my  
 folks overnight, to top up my accent;  
 mustn't forget my roots. Next day  
 rode down to Ipswich, the most  
 difficult place in the world to get to. I  
 believe Ewan McGregor & Charley  
 Boorman are thinking of going to  
 Ipswich from the North of England for  
 their next video. Mmmm. It took me  
 five hours, four of which were on the

M6 car park. I stayed in Ipswich with  
 Marshall Crowe & Family; highly  
 recommended. Many thanks. He did  
 try & get me out cycling, but I  
 explained that my feet were for  
 changing gear & braking, not  
 pedaling!

Next Morning, 50 or so miles to the  
 boat, I caught up with an army guy  
 (Suzuki 750) in the queue and sat  
 with him on the boat. It's great  
 meeting people on the road,  
 especially as Roy's branch members  
 often travel alone (It's faster). We  
 chatted for 3-4 hrs on the boat and he  
 talked about his travels & army stuff  
 and God somehow kept creeping  
 into the conversation.

Hey! I'm in the Netherlands. Don't forget, wrong side of the road. Two hours heading North, past Den Haag. I think they like tourists here, because people (I think its people!) keep taking my picture from the side of the road; friendly place. Arrived around 8pm and stayed with friends for a couple of days.

Friday's here, so head towards the rally. Navigating in Holland is easy; straight roads in very good condition. It's well signposted, there's not too much traffic and the directions from the CMA website were really good. I also had a map or 2 with me ... So a quick three hour ride and got to the rally feeling fresh and was made very welcome. In the evening meeting, Olly (Dutch CMA Pres.) asked that we all make an effort to get to know new people; not to stick with the people you already know and I whole heartedly agree for so many reasons. You'll see why if you read on.

The Dutch guys really know how to throw a party / rally. It's what they do a lot of the time, so this one was very slick & professional. You buy tickets

for your meals; free tea & coffee in the barn, (a barn is a building where they fix all the Harleys). Here's your timetable and stick ya tent over there!

It's great to see all those friendly faces again. People seem genuinely pleased to see you, even though you only see them once a year - last year in England, the year before Norway, but they are really like my family. I forget lots of names, but you soon pick up where you left off. Friday was really relaxed. The real fun began on Saturday - silly games, rideouts; we even rode into the local village & bought some clogs (Bargain £10). The silly games were really silly. I don't know how, but I managed to take another trophy home. Then it got REALLY silly, they call it unicycle racing. We would call it "extremely dangerous". CMA Netherlands invited some other clubs to take part in this "demonstration". (It's called this because they're not allowed to race officially). It involves taking the front end off the bike, fitting steel ski's & standing on a plate behind the back wheel & racing each other; **see page 54 for pic's & Below.**



President of SA CMA, Renee, himself no slouch & ex racer, was shaking his head in disbelief.

Mike Fitton asked what I thought. I replied that "you'd at least want to be near a hospital, say in the car park at least". If you think that's crazy, how about peanut butter,

onions, mayo & chips! Talk about living on the edge! They do eat some weird stuff! There was lots of other stuff happening all around too, including a prayer journey tent.

Then there were stalls, including visiting bike & accessory shops, selling all kinds of things. I believe one guy travelled & spent the whole day there without a sale, then he left a donation for CMA. Cool eh! Respect!

Saturday evening was quite spectacular too. A Barbie (food not doll) to remember. Fantastic food and really well organised. Two bands played and when the second band came on, a Christian version of Iron Maiden, I felt a little old, but hey! I am! So we all chatted & mingled with our new friends until the early (ish) hours of Sunday. Sunday morning was another great meeting. There's something special about worshipping



with people from other countries & cultures, but we all still have the One God in common. It's always amazing! Some people started drifting home on Sunday, but a lot stayed on the extra day. Some just moved their tent or bed inside the barn for the last night as the

weather was a bit blowy, to say the least, but I think it only rained at night. Monday got really quiet as just the last few tourists headed off. My plans were open and, over the weekend, I met a few people who said I could drop by (after some subtle hinting). One guy, Wouter, is the Chaplain for CMA Netherlands. After he'd rung to ask his wife and explained that I wasn't mental or anything; ha ha, he said "Come and stay at my house in Zwolle. We rode to his house that afternoon - 3 or 4 hours I think. Then I said I'd like to take some pictures, so we went out again and did about another 70 miles, before returning for some food. In the evening Hoppr had asked us to come and visit because he lived nearby. He had a house full of people and we were made very welcome again. His family lives for CMA. He even has a CMA toilet seat - **see pics!**



I had a great time chatting with Wouter and his wife. The Dutch people have a sense of humour like us. Really!

Next morning I went to the CMA clubhouse for sausage and chips. I think they went up there, (40 miles ish), just to show me what a great place it is. We need some of them in the UK. They had bought it really cheap from another bike club (not CMA) **More pic's** of bike & windmill.

Then it was time to move on, riding to Den Helder (Look at your map) to visit Klaas, from CMA Nederlands. I didn't really know how far that was, and Wouter said he would show me the right direction by riding with me for a bit, because I was rubbish at reading maps Ha Ha! Anyway he rode with

me for about a hundred miles. Talk about going the extra mile! Would we do that if someone stayed with us? Well I can't really, because I'd fall off the Island, but seriously, would we? Amazing hospitality, then I met Klaas. We had a walk round Den Helder, then went for a meal with him and his sister Esther. He told the waitress I was English. She said I could stay in the restaurant if I ate properly, ha ha. At least I think she was joking. Next day, we left early and Klaas rode with me for about an hour and a half, "to help me". I headed south again and stayed with some more friends. I saw the Tall ships in Amsterdam. Amazing!



**The future of biking looks ok! From the EMC 2005 Rally in Holland.** Photo by Jeff Sparkes

I got to the Hook of Holland, for the ferry home. There were lots of bikes hanging about and when the lines of vehicles moved, I was a bit quick off the mark and jumped the queue a little. I then realised I'd pushed in front of a group of Harleys with cut offs on. It was a German motorcycle club, oops! I lined up next to their front man and they all stared at me. Then one guy saw my reg. plate and said "Ah Isle of Man, we like to visit there". Phew! Saved! I ended up chatting to them. They were on their way to a coffee morning or something in the Midlands - NOT! It was a smooth crossing and I stayed near Bedford

with Mike McKeegan and his wife Ann. Great to catch up with CMA people you haven't seen for a while. Then next morning, a few more hours of quality M6, slow traffic and rain; good to be back, nearly! The whole trip was a great success. 1400 miles in 9 days and any rumours of a manx registration number appearing like a virus all over the Dutch speed camera computer is just not true! There were lots of laughs and experiences. The rally was excellent, I met lots of people and the bike never missed a beat. If you've never done an EMC, give it a go. **Roll on Finland!**

## Why go to church? by author unknown

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a local newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I cannot remember a single one of them. So I think I am wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column, much to the delight of the Editor. It went on for

weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

## CMA Family

**The family all get involved within the CMA Do you want to be part of the bigger family of God?  
Then visit the web site, ring the number, look up your local branch on the web, we await your call.**



## Run for the Son at Great Bentley

by Marshall Crowe



**MESS L-R Marshall, Chris, Jon, Dave & Steve  
at Great Bentley**

Each Wednesday evening during the summer there is a large gathering of motorcyclists on the expansive village green of Great Bentley, between Colchester, Clacton-on-Sea and Harwich. On a good evening in mid summer it isn't unusual to get 200 or 300 bikes parked up in rows on the green. These range from the latest model of every type of bike - from customs, sports, streetfighters, supermotos, commuter and scooter to classics from every decade going back to the 40's and 50's. Like the variety of bikes, their riders and pillion passengers come in all age groups, shapes and sizes and probably from a wide range of social backgrounds. It is an informal gathering where people just chat over a drink. As well

as bikers there are many car drivers and families who turn up just to browse and savour the atmosphere.

After some thought and prayer, we at MESS branch saw this as our prime mission field for Run for the Son 2005. So we planned our first visit on 25th May, followed by 6 more over the summer. Our first visit was really a 'recce' to sound out the mood of the meet and to begin to build up a rapport with some of the people there. On subsequent visits we went around in pairs, talking to groups of bikers, offering them the CMA leaflets and giving them the opportunity to send for a Manual For Life. In most cases these were taken and pocketed,



**MESS CMA Stands out in a sea of bikes at Great Bentley**

although I did have the disappointment of seeing a couple very blatantly being trampled into the ground by some of the 'heavier' HA types. Some folks were openly keen to read what was written. Many may take no notice of the message, but even if just one does then it will have been a worthwhile venture. Remember! Paul said that he sowed the seed, Appollos watered and then God made it grow to fruit (1 Cor 3 v 6). These simple leaflets can be the seed that leads the recipients to obtain and read the life-changing

Word of God. We are sowing the seed.

We had many opportunities to talk to many people about who we are and why we attend Great Bentley. Our CMA banner was prominently displayed in the large sea of bikes, so folks could come and see what we are about. Please pray that all the souls we have been able to contact will be challenged to think about their relationship with Jesus, the King of Kings and the Saviour of all who will believe.

**CMA UK Web site**

**www.bike.org.uk** Many links to what the CMA UK are doing nationwide.

Interested? then e-mail us at **cma-admin@bike.org.uk**

Sorry but the free phone and the PO Box have had problems for the last 4 months so bear with us till the next issue, we hope to update you.

*The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.- George Burns*

# European Motorcyclist for Christ Rally Sevenum Holland 2005

Jan Feaver (MESS Branch)

## Thursday 11th August

We had arranged to meet the others on the 10.40am ferry from Harwich to the Hook of Holland. This was my first C.M.A. rally and I was nervous, but



Bob & Jan about to leave on the rally

excited, as I did not really know what to expect. The day started well. We left home at 8.10am, in plenty of time to make the 50 mile journey to Harwich to check in an hour before sailing. Not so! About 20 miles into the journey and Bob discovers he has left his driving license at home. We made a hasty retreat home and I stress hasty, hoping we would do it in time. A quick prayer please Lord don't let us miss the ferry. We needn't have worried as we reached Harwich at 10.05 amazingly with time to spare. The same could not be said of Mike, Sandy, Rob and Sandra, who finally arrived with minutes to spare, Rob having had to leave all their gear with a friend after his bike proved unstable with the load. John had to wait ages to check in as his and Rob's booking was nowhere to be found on their computer, and they finally boarded the ferry as the doors closed behind them. The devil had tried his best to delay, stress and worry us... if he was

that determined to ruin things then I thought God must have great things planned for the weekend!

After a very protracted ride from the Hook to Sevenum, with

two Dutch biker brothers to guide us, we eventually arrived at the camp site at around 7.00p.m. What a sight, with hundreds of bikers and tents and bikes of all shapes and sizes; would I feel I belonged? Bob went off to register and I stayed with the bike, feeling slightly overwhelmed. I needn't have worried, straight away a large man in a very nice hat came and spoke to me. He said his name was Simon from England and he was so friendly. We found some of the rest of our group, pitched our tent near them, and just about managed to sort ourselves out before dark and collapsed thankfully into our sleeping bags.

## Friday 12th August

Breakfast consisted of bread, cheese, ham, peanut butter, chocolate sprinkles and jam; not altogether! Bob was quite partial to a chocolate sprinkle sandwich, but I was very boring and stayed with the jam sandwiches.

Our meals were provided after purchasing tickets, in a very large equestrian barn with one side set up for eating with trestles and benches and the other side for the services and worship. Also on site was a prayer tent, where you could go on a prayer journey. The



Jan in the car park at Horst a little town near Sevenum,

tent was divided into rooms and in each room you could spend time with God, praying and reflecting, meditating on His Word, or just being still before Him. I took home a lot from my prayer journey.

Bob and I went out on the bike later that day to a small town close by called Horst, to get a taste of Holland. The area was very nice and all the gardens were pretty and very neat. By now the Virago felt like a friend and I felt quite at home on it.

At 8.00p.m. that evening we had a welcome service led by Olly the president of C.M.A. Netherlands. He was able to speak to us in very good English with interpretation into Dutch by Klaus. This proved very entertaining as they were a bit like a double act. The worship time was also very good and inspiring.

**Saturday 13th August**

Saturday dawned bright and clear and following breakfast we had a service at 10.00a.m. with Mike Fitton president of C.M.A. in the U.K. giving a short talk! This was very challenging, taken from Revelation

Ch. 2 and 3, giving us plenty of food for thought about how we live our Christian lives. Later that day we were introduced to monocycle races, which was very different to what I imagined and very exciting. They were motorbikes with only

one wheel and the rider stood at the back or, in some cases, almost lay over the bike, standing on runners or skies. As they took off at the start of each race, the front with the engine lifted up and they were propelled along at great speed. The idea has really caught on in America and also in Holland. There were four taking part and the C.M.A. entry came third with their machine. We talked to Flub the Dutch driver of the C.M.A. monocycle and his wife Maria and they said it wasn't really about winning, but about being able to talk to the other non Christian guys who are in the other teams, and to witness to them and show them that C.M.A. people are quite normal (debatable hey!). We enjoyed a B.B.Q for our evening meal, and later were entertained by some bands, who made a dramatic entrance on a motorbike and sidecar, following their very own smoke machine, made by Flub on his monocycle, revving as hard as possible against the outside wall, making showers of shredded rubber and a hole in the concrete!



Flub on his unicycle

### **Sunday 14th August**

This was our last day. A morning service was led by Olly, with a powerful testimony from a Dutch biker, who found God through the C.M.A. The worship was again excellent and the dance sequences very moving. The speaker was Rene, President of the C.M.A. in South Africa. He talked about the Bible being God's road map for us. We can't alter it or rearrange it or it won't direct us to the right destination, We cannot change it to suit ourselves.

I think the message of the weekend which came across to me was about us not compromising our Christian walk, but to live our lives according to

the truth of God's word.

We set off for home at lunch time, saying goodbye to those who were staying until Monday.

I had an amazing weekend, I met lots of new people, who quickly became friends and who I felt I had known for ages. There were bikers from The Netherlands, Belgium, South Africa, France, Germany, U.K., Isle of Man and Finland, who all had one thing in common other than motor bikes, they all loved Jesus. They were all different, but that love joined us all together as one. I thank God for the experience. It has enriched my life and I can't wait for the next C.M.A rally.

*Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life.  
- Herbert Henry Asquith*

## Not in my back yard (Or cul-de-sac)

by Pidd

I am typing this in the middle of my 'daily reading time', 8.40am and, though my actual time for study varies a bit, I felt I had to get these notes down straight away. I had just read the first few lines of Romans 12 - I am



using the CEV translation "Manual for Life" - ". . . .God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him." - AND the City Council's mini-road sweeper vehicle went past my window. Now I live at the 'top end' of a cul-de-sac and the roadway is very popular as a car park, for most cars are too large to get out of when one has, with great difficulty, put the car inside the garage allotted to each house. By luck, the entire 'turning circle' was free of cars this morning. The driver, a short white haired man, realised on the first pass that all was not well and had left a long pile of sweepings in the roadway. He stopped, got out, raised the vehicles body, examined the internal machinery, cleared a blockage, got back in to his cab and went around the circle again AND still not satisfied

repeated the process. He was so intent on his work that he didn't even notice me standing in my front garden, watching his progress. The final result was not perfect and the blockage - a half kilo rock which I was happy to

dispose of - was still at the roadside, but the thought struck me that this man was actually performing what Paul told the Roman Christians that they, and now we, should do in our lives.

By contrast the Council 'Maxi road sweeper' vehicles come around at least 20mph and leave all the sweepings out in the roadway, where they are eventually moved back by traffic or washed into the gutter by rainfall.

I regret now that I was so interested in how your employee was doing his work that I neglected to make notes of his vehicle number or other details. However, I ask you to seek him out and let him read my comments and thanks as above.

I have sent this letter to my local City Councillors. Whether they will actually act on my request I have to leave to Him also.

## G.P.S.

by Robin & Fiona Jameson



My wonderful wife Fiona is a mapoholic, whose knowledge and skill has discovered many enjoyable holiday destinations. When our 4 children were growing up she found Tayvallich in Argyll, where we camped for eleven years. Later, when exploring Germany after studying a map, she led us to Schwetzingen near Heidelberg, just an ideal place for a stay after a days ride from the ferry. Schwetzingen is a charming town with a wooded park, in which is situated the summer palace of the local ruler. It has a beautiful baroque theatre, built for the Court, where an annual Mozart fest is held, together with other musical events. In the spring, the local harvest of asparagus is celebrated with gourmet meals in the town. Like most of Germany, the hotels are biker friendly, so we return to enjoy their hospitality. Fiona has

been my reliable route planner and map reader for numerous holidays, selecting the green highlighted roads on the Michelin maps.

However, for my birthday she bought me a BMW bike, equipped with a satellite navigational system; a GPS Navigator. At Whitsun we visited our daughter in Berlin and together toured Saxony, visiting Dresden and Leipzig. As major cities in the former DDR are redeveloped Umleitung or diversion is the most common road sign, as roads are closed while placing underground utilities and all traffic is diverted. My Garmin GPS was helpful in guiding us to our hotels through narrow backstreets. Later we celebrated Whit going to the Pfingstendeinst the Dresden Kreuzkirche choral service of worship.

Do you have GPS a heavenly guidance system? When there are hazards ahead you may get lost and need guidance and GPS is a godsend. As believers we are given a gift of GPS who is personal, reliable and trustworthy; the GPS called God's Powerful Spirit. Reliance upon this heavenly GPS is safer than trusting in



one's own ability, however great you may think your intellectual Bible study of map reading may be. The godsend of God's Powerful Spirit is eternally up to date, reliable and trustworthy in every situation worldwide. All that one

requires is to use the on-switch of faith; forsaking all I trust Him and in obedience, follow the heavenly directions, rather than reliance upon human intuition and intellect to avoid hazards and dangers. Like John Bunyan use your spiritual GPS to reach the Celestial City. The GPS whose gift we celebrate

every Pentecost will guide our reading of the Bible and will assist in planning our everyday ride with Jesus as we travel upon our personal route of Godliness. Ride upright and righteously relying upon GPS.

**A little personal info from Chris for the Chainlink. Chris is a member of the Executive committee, do you know your committee members? No? well I am sure they would be very happy for you to chat to them.**

I play the piano accordion and have been since I was 11. It is a full 120 bass Horner Verdi 3. When I was a youngster from 11 to 18 I played in an Accordion Band and spent most of my weekends in smoky working men's clubs, wedding parties or fairs or carnival. (Not much change there.)



busk to get the money together to learn to drive and eventually made enough money to buy my first car a Mk 2 Ford Escort.

I still play, but just for myself and sometimes for the church.

Love Chris x

When I left school at 17, I used to

# Easter Egg Run. The saga of the prodigal side-panel

by Brian Reeves (Custard) (Kent Branch)

We went on an Easter egg run, about 3 weeks after Easter (bit late, I know)...Anyway, about a mile from the William Harvey Hospital, a bike pulled alongside mine and told me to pull over as I was on fire.



**no, this is not custard!  
but it's a good photo.**

It turned out to be an overheated rear brake drum, caused by a sticking rear brake. Smoke everywhere! I managed to free it off and then noticed I had lost a side panel. Now this was very bad news for me as I hate losing any part of this bike as every bit is important to me. I thought how Jesus feels the same way about us.

I dropped my Easter eggs off and, after saying my cheerios, set off to look for it. I had about 20 miles to cover, searching the road and verges. [Bit missing - stuck together with tippex!?] I thought how Jesus is determined to bring us back when we get lost.

15 miles later I saw it in the middle of

the carriageway. It was broken, but not smashed and I took my life in my hands to retrieve it. Jesus often allows us to be broken, but not smashed and he goes to great lengths to bring us back into the

fold. The following day I mended the cracks with liquid metal and some fellow workers fixed it on as best they could for me. The fixing lugs were gone forever, I'm afraid. But then we are never the same when we have been through the mill are we?

They not only fixed it on, they pressure washed the bike for me and polished the tank and mended the seal. What a smashing bunch! Bike now clean, I could touch up the paintwork, which had suffered during the winter.

God's love and guidance not only brings us through the bad times, it sets us on the road to improvement.

Custard, Kent

# Outreach with the Bible Society

by Martin Bridgwater

The Bristol Branch had been contacted by the Bible Society to ask if we would like to help them in a major outreach in Bristol during May. Their aim for this event was to show people the Bible is still relevant to day and has things to say about current issues. This is the second such campaign they have run like this, where for the first two weeks of it there is no direct mention of the bible or Christians. Then for the second two weeks people know who placed the adverts (which use Eastenders look-a-looks) and there are lots of cultural and open out reach events. In the lead up to our bit - the launch weekend - the Society had been in talks with one of Bristol's local radio stations. Unfortunately the weekend before they pulled out sighting the fact it was a Christian event - despite knowing this from the start! This meant our roll would now change - we would know longer be riding around the city centre.

We did though have our bikes on their

stand in the city centre and helped give out information on what was going on. The bikes proved to be a good draw, we where though out done by a drummer who got loads of people to join in a drum session. This included a blind man who had a smile the size of a Cheshire cat - brilliant. We had a number of interesting chats over the morning, both with Christians and non about the bikes and our faith. The Bible Society seemed pleased with how the session had gone, and we'd been please to help. I have as a result of the event got some copies of the New Testament and Psalms from the military section of the Bible Society - pocket size and camouflaged - which are looking for a home. They have the different sections of the services badges on the front of them from army cadets to Royal Marines. So despite the disappointment of the original plan not working out, a good and profitable morning.



'Working in partnership with Bible Society'

## News from the Rest of Scotland Branch

By David Hunter



On Friday 19th August of this year 12 bikers from our Branch set off from Stirling Services on our 2005 Sponsored Run - our 15th or 16th annual event. This year the theme of the run was 'Forests', and our journey took us past some 23 Forests between the start and Saturday evening's finish at Aberdeen - some 370 miles approximately. On Sunday 21st we joined with the congregation of the International Baptist Church in Cults, Aberdeen, with one of our members taking the children's address at the service. Over the course of the weekend we were joined by various other CMA members, who were unable to make the Friday morning start, including two from Forth & Tay and one from Highlands Branch, who joined us on the Saturday, along with another

Christian biker from the Highlands area and two non-Christians who came along for a run. Another Christian biker from Inverness, who is a friend of one of our members, met us for a while on Saturday morning at Spean Bridge and it was good to have fellowship with him.

The sponsorship raised this year will go to Tear Fund and will be put towards their work with people in Honduras, who live in a remote forested area, bordering the ocean. The local Tear Fund partner in Honduras has set up seed banks for farmers, who pay back the seeds when crops are harvested.

Loans are also made to individuals and communities, which enable them to set up small businesses such as stores, cafes and bakeries.



When the loans are repaid, the money is then available to assist other people and projects in the area. Tear Fund is also helping the local communities work with the government to ensure their children receive a formal education and help parents to find alternative sources of income when their children are at school, rather than working to supplement the low family income. Unfortunately many of the local inhabitants have no formal legal entitlement to the land their forefathers have lived on and worked for centuries, with the result that unscrupulous logging companies have moved in and are felling the forests and chasing off the local people. Tear Fund is, therefore, also assisting the local people to ensure that they gain legal entitlement to their own land, preventing the forced removal of communities and destruction of forested areas. As the

local Tear Fund partner, called MOPAWI (MOSQUITIA PAWISKA APISKA) is a Christian group, the Gospel is also taken to the local people, ensuring that their spiritual needs are also catered for.

At the time of writing, I have no idea what the eventual total raised this year will be, but if it gets anywhere near last year's total of approximately £3,700 - split between the Father's House Orphanage, Freetown, Sierra Leone, and Care Romania, we will be well pleased. Last year's run was a 'Bays' run, completed by 12 riders, including three from Forth & Tay. As well as raising sponsorship for our nominated charity for the year, the opportunities to witness to folks that we meet over the course of the three days is great. Every year The Lord provides appointments with people who He places at just the right place and at the right time.



Isn't it great how immaculate His timing is?

Once again we also travelled through some pretty awesome scenery, with great weather other than a couple of short showers on Friday and a wet run home on the Sunday for those who took the West coast route, rather than the East.

By the time you receive this we will also have manned a stand at 'The Big Saturday', which is a Church of Scotland initiative from the Presbyteries along the River Clyde. The idea of this was to give ideas to churches to help them reach out to those outside the church - 'The Church Without Walls'. The initiative will be held in the SECC (Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre) Glasgow on Saturday 10th

September, and we had a stand to hopefully help other Christians to think this though, in their attempts to take the Gospel to others.

We are also very hopeful that another Twig can be started soon in an area of Scotland where we had a lone member many years ago, but is too far from other CMA members in Scotland for anyone to have any real contact with other members throughout the year. Watch this space!

I hope this year has been a good one for you all so far, as you attempt to take the Good News to anyone that you can reach through your bikes. Keep planting seeds - we have a Great Gardener above Who feeds and waters each seed planted and brings it to fruition.

## Motorcycle Trailer-Ambulance by Ron Dennis

'Developing Technologies' is a charity, based in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Imperial College, London. Our aim is to use student project work to provide low-cost technical support to organisations working in developing technologies. One of the projects this year has been to improve the design of an ambulance trailer, towed by a motorcycle, similar to those commonly found in developing countries.

This follows on from a project I supervised in Tanzania, where we ran such a service, using a Honda 110 machine. This ran for about 9 months, clocking up over 10,000km and saving a number of lives before funding for the project ran out.

There has been continuing interest in the concept, as it provides an appropriate solution to a major problem in developing countries. Access to health facilities for very sick and injured persons is a prime concern of people living in rural areas, particularly of women, as emergency cases often concern pregnancy problems or young children. The distance to a hospital may be 100km or more and much unnecessary suffering and death is caused by lack of appropriate transport.

Because of the interest in the concept, the student project has been to review and

improve the design of the ambulance - trailer, made in Tanzania, with the aim of producing a manual that can be made widely available. An improved design has been produced, but we would really like to have it tested by experts to make sure it is OK before releasing details in a manual. This would be likely to lead to further improvements in the design and also greatly increase confidence in organisations adopting it overseas. I therefore wondered if a group of your members might be interested in sponsoring and carrying out the manufacture of an ambulance-trailer and then thoroughly testing it on off-road tracks?

What we are looking for is a group of motorcycle experts who could construct and thoroughly test the ambulance trailer. We have a small amount of funding that should cover the majority of material and component costs. It would be great to hear from you if you can help or can suggest where we might find help.

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## The Conquest by Alan Martin

### FIRST PERFORMANCE MOTORCYCLE FOR WHEELCHAIR RIDERS LAUNCHED IN THE UK

Greater Manchester-based Martin Conquest has recently launched a performance motorcycle, specifically designed for the wheelchair rider. Based on BMW R-series bikes, the vehicle is the brainchild of company founder and CEO, Alan Martin. Speaking at the launch Alan said, "This is the culmination of a three year dream to provide mobility to disabled former motorcyclists and disabled aspiring motorcyclists. The vehicle is user-friendly yet provides the 'freedom to be wild' that is missing from many people's lives. After gaining some insight into what it is to be disabled I wanted to build a beautiful machine that would completely change some disabled people's lives. I believe this is what I have done with The Conquest."

Alan stressed, "We are delighted that the National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD) worked with us closely as we developed The Conquest and we are grateful for their support and encouragement."

Via an electrically operated ramp at the rear of the vehicle, the wheelchair rider rolls into the driving position and locks the chair into place. All of the vehicle's controls are operated by hand. Sophisticated tracking and monitoring systems from award winning Eagle Eye are available as part of an options package.

Test drives are taking place around the UK and the company's order book is building fast. First deliveries to customers take place in August. Journalists are starting to take the vehicle out on the road and have been very positive in their coverage. Martin Conquest can be contacted via its website ([www.martinconquest.com](http://www.martinconquest.com)) or by phone on 0161 3510324



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## **And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. ---Acts 2;21**

Christians believe that the Bible is the living word of God to His people, written over thousands of years by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit, so when you read the verse at the top of this page from the book of Acts, the word 'everyone' includes you!

Maybe you don't think God is interested in you, think again EVERYONE Is it beginning to sink in? God loves *you*.

In this edition of Chainlink you have read testimonies of people who have called on the name of the Lord. Each one has a different story to tell, but they all have one thing in common, JESUS.

Salvation is free from God; you can't earn your way in with good deeds (read Ephesians 2: 8,9). Maybe you're one of those people who they say has not done many wrong things. Please don't be deceived into thinking there will be a place in Heaven for the not-so-wrong ones.

Christians the world over have learned that if you leave God out of your life, then you leave Him out for ever.

The CMA Members have found new life through Jesus Christ (read Acts 3:15). There will have been a starting point to this. God knows your heart. If you call on the name of the Lord, He will hear your cry. You can ask Jesus into your life today if you wish. God will hear your prayers. If you have never prayed before try the one below.

*Lord Jesus, You died on the cross so that my sins could be forgiven. I want You to come into my life, and become Lord of my life now and forever in heaven. Please forgive all the wrong things I have done, wash me clean and fill me with Your Spirit. Thank you for bringing me back to our Father in Heaven. Amen.*

If you have prayed this prayer for the first time and meant it from the heart, well done! You may not feel any different at first, but it will be a good idea to tell the person who gave you this magazine. With God's help you need to find a good church that can offer you the support, understanding and friendship you need. You are now part of God's family.

God Bless you. Mike Fitton. President (UK) CMA

For the time being, contact Mike via the web as the free phone and the PO box have to be reactivated.so we all can support you, and send you teaching material. You're now part of God's family and a Brother or Sister in Christ.

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